In Honor of our Imperial Potentate

CONRAD V. DYKEMAN

A Gorgeous and Glorifying

Spring Ceremonial

of

Melha Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Oasis of

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Will be held

MONDAY, MAY 26th, 1924

AT THE COLISEUM

Eastern States Exposition Grounds

In conjunction with the Laying of the Cornerstone of The Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, New England Unit.

Big Parade, Bands, Drum Corps, Patrols, Loyal Legion and Hosts of Marchers

Our Guest

His Excellency
NOBLE CHANNING H. COX
Governor of Massachusetts

Ceremonial Notice

Es Selamu Aleikum

It is decreed that a ceremonial Session of Melha Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. be held at Springfield Mass., on Monday, May 26, 1924, in honor of Conrad V. Dykeman, our Imperial Potentate, who has promised to be with us on that occasion.

Therefore, Nobles, it behooves us to supply a goodly number of the unregenerate Sons of the Desert to make his visit a memorable one. So I bid you search high and long for the proper Candidates, who shall have the exceptional honor of becoming Nobles in the greatest year of Melha's history, the laying of the Corner Stone of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children.

"And our laughter shall be sweeter
And our fun more worth our while
By the ripples of the Cripples
We are helping now to smile.
Let me say it loud and louder
By each strengthened hip and spine
I am just a little prouder
Of my Fez and of my Shrine."

Yours in the Faith,

CHARLES F. WATSON
Potentate

Attest,
NEDD W. BROWN,
Recorder

Our Guest

CONRAD V. DYKEMAN

Imperial Potentate

Conrad V. Dykeman

CONRAD V. DYKEMAN was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., of old Dutch stock, his parents being William and Emily Verplank Dykeman, and has resided in Brooklyn all his life. He has been active in all civic movements for the benefit of Brooklyn, and while an extremely busy man in his business, has always found time to engage in undertakings that were beneficial to his fellow citizens.

He has been connected with the Prudential Insurance Company practically all his business life and is now the Dean of that Company. He was one of the incorporators of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, and served as President of its Department of Political Science. He also organized the University Extension courses in Civil Government, American History and Political Economy.

Mr. Dykeman, in his activity in civic movements, helped Theodore Roosevelt pass the first mandatory Civil Service Bill in the New York Legislature. Mr. Dykeman served as President of the New York Life Underwriters Association; as President of the Bushwick Hospital in Brooklyn, which institution owes much of its success to his remarkable ability to master detail and accomplish results.

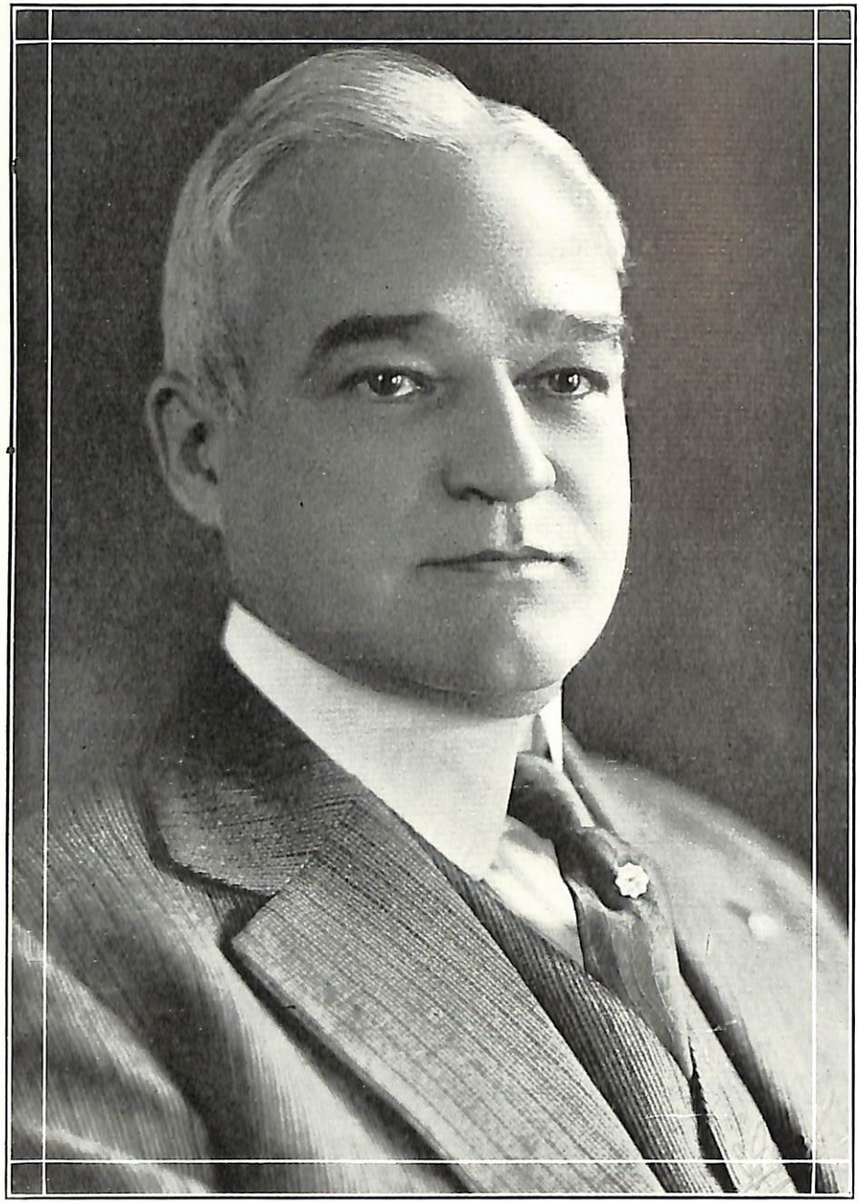
The work nearest to Mr. Dykeman's heart, however, has been that which he has so heartily undertaken for the benefit of underprivileged boys, and for a number of years he has been President of the Board of Trustees of Boys' Welcome Hall in Brooklyn and head of the Rotary Club Committee for boys' work in the Boro of Queens.

Mr. Dykeman has been active in the organization of several financial institutions and at the present time is a Director in several banks and trust companies in the City of New York. He is also a member and present Commodore of the Brooklyn Yacht Club, one of the oldest Yacht Clubs in the country, a member of the Crescent Athletic Club, Economic Club, Masonic Club, Bowling Green Club, and Chamber of Commerce, all of Brooklyn.

He was raised in Greenpoint Lodge No. 403, F. &. A. M., exalted in Altair Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M. Knighted in St. Elmo Commandery, No. 57, K. T., and received the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Aurora Grata Bodies in Brooklyn.

He was created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Kismet Temple, January 31, 1896, and served as Potentate in 1906-1907. He was first elected a representative to the Imperial Council in 1899 and has served continuously since that time.

The Masonic and Civic record of Noble Dykeman gives but little idea of the influence of his solid, substantial and genial personality upon all with whom he has come in contact, and he occupies a large place in the hearts of the citizens of the Boro in which he lives, and of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, by thousands of whom he is well known and well beloved.



CHARLES F. WATSON
Illustrious Potentate
Melha Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.

Official Divan

1924

Charles F. Watson	*Illustrious Potentate*
Charles A. Frazer	*Chief Rabban*
John A. Webster	*Assistant Rabban*
Harry D. Buckbee	*High Priest and Prophet*
Charles L. Young, P. P.	*Oriental Guide*
Wallace V. Camp	*Treasurer*
Nedd W. Brown	*Recorder*

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Fred W. Belcher	*First Ceremonial Master*
Howard W. Selby	*Second Ceremonial Master*
Loren S. Wood	*Marshal*
Lewis S. Swan	*Captain of the Guard*
Charles H. Wilcox	*Outer Guard*
Harry D. Buckbee	*Orator*
Charles F. Spellman	*Inspired Charge*
Charles H. Rand	*Chief Director*
John Torrey Hawkins	*Associate Director*
Fred S. Ladd	*First Alchemist*
Adam C. VanHeusen	*Second Alchemist*

TRUSTEES

Arthur C. Wentworth, *Chairman*

Henry L. Bowles — Fred C. Smith, P. P.

REPRESENTATIVES TO IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Charles F. Watson — Harry H. Caswell, P. P.
George M. Hendee — Charles A. Frazer

Potentates in jurisdiction of New England Hospital Unit

Illus. Potentate	Walter W. Morrison	Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass
" "	George W. Wescott	Anah Temple, Bangor, Maine
" "	Arthur J. Boutwell	Bektash Temple, Concord, N. H.
" "	Roger S. Pike	Cairo Temple, Rutland, Vt.
" "	Aaron P. Crounse	Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y.
" "	Walter L. Emerson	Kora Temple, Lewiston, Me.
" "	Charles F. Watson	Melha Temple, Springfield, Mass.
" "	Charles A. Davis	Mount Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt.
" "	James A. Smith	Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.
" "	Clarence R. Howe	Palestine Temple, Providence, R. I.
" "	Elmer A. Hooper	Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Ct.
" "	Wilbur L. Scranton	Sphinx Temple, Hartford, Ct.
" "	Dr. Rush O. Lees	Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y.

Past Potentates of Melha Temple, Honorary Committee and escort to above:

Charles H. Miller	Fred R. Brown	Franklin A. Latimer
William H. Titus	Albert E. Taylor	Walter H. Damon
H. LeRoy Woodward	Hugh J. Buckley	Fred C. Smith
Charles L. Young	Fred A. Eldred	Harry H. Caswell
	Albert E. Lerche	

Call for Business Meeting

Nobles—

You are hereby notified that the Potentate has called a special meeting of Melha Temple for Friday evening, May 23, at 7.30, at 347 Worthington St., for the purpose of balloting on and signing up candidates and any other business that may properly come before the meeting at this time.

Attest — Signed

NEDD W. BROWN, *Recorder* — CHARLES F. WATSON, *Potentate*

Candidates

The recorder will be at Melha Temple, 347 Worthington St., at 7.30, Friday evening, May 23, for the registration of Candidates.

There will be another opportunity, however, to register Candidates at the Coliseum Eastern States Exposition Grounds, Monday afternoon, May 26, at 4.30 p. m.

The first section will not open until 7 p. m. owing to the long day programme—all unregistered candidates must report at Coliseum at 4.30 p. m.

The Nobility of Melha Temple are most cordially invited to meet and welcome The Imperial Potentate of our order, Conrad V. Dykeman and members of his Divan—the Potentates and Past Potentates of Temples from Mass., R. I., Conn., Maine, N. H., Vermont, New York, and New Jersey—and visiting nobles.

The parade will start at 1.30 p. m., Monday, May 26, 1924.

Forming at the Temple at 1.15 P. M.

The Corner Stone of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children will be laid by the Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts, Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell. After the ceremonies cars will be provided to take the Nobility to the Coliseum to witness the most novel ceremonial Melha ever had where Fun, Fast and Furious will hold forth, until midnight—and no one need go away unsatisfied.

Camelhaographs

Compassion

Cap. Q.—"How much did the assessor tax you on your automobile?"

Frazer—"Nothing. When I took him out to the garage and showed him the car, he took out his pocketbook and gave me ten dollars."

Both Names, Please

George Gray—"Do you know a man working here with one leg named Smith?"

A. C. Hayes—"What's the other leg named?"

Wouldn't That Stump You?

Freddie G.—"What makes you think Polly has a wooden leg?"

Fred S.—"She stopped at a store to get some garters and came out with a package of thumb tacks."

Why Wait 'til Morning?

J. Frank—"Why did you leave your last place?"

Young lady applicant—"I was caught kissing my employer, sir."

J. Frank—"Ur-um, you can start in the morning."

If some men had the brains they think they have, their legs wouldn't be able to carry them.

When the Pump Doesn't

Dr. Kinloch—"Tell me, how's the milk maid?"

Country Nurse—"It isn't made, you poor mutt, the cow gives it."

Do You Understand, Sonny?

"Papa, what do you call a man that runs an automobile?"

"That depends how near he comes to hitting me."

Before proposing, see how she looks in a kitchen.
Before accepting, see how he looks before shaving.

Let It Soak In

When the colored couple were being married and the clergyman read the words, "love, honor and obey," the bridegroom interrupted:

"Read dat ag'in, pahson; read dat oncet mo', so's de lady kin ketch de full soleminity of de meanin'. Ise been married befo."

J. Stewart B.—"Why take Henry R. along with the bunch? I never knew him to buy anything."

Bill S.—"Neither did anyone else. But he knows where you can get it."

Telling the Truth

"Jim, I see that your mule has U. S. branded on his right hind leg. I suppose he was an army mule and belonged to Uncle Sam?"

"No suh—dat U. S. don't mean nothin' 'bout no Uncle Samuel. Dat's jess a warnin'. Dat U. S. 'n jess stand fo' Un safe—'at's all."

Remember that the only thing on earth that is really what it is cracked up to be is ice.

Telephone Chatter

Archie M., calling Ray T.—"Can't you come over tonight?"

Ray T., answering Archie M.—"Oh, I can't, I'm washing my B. V. D.'s."

And just here the operator accommodatingly remarked, "I'm ringing them."

Imperial Trustees

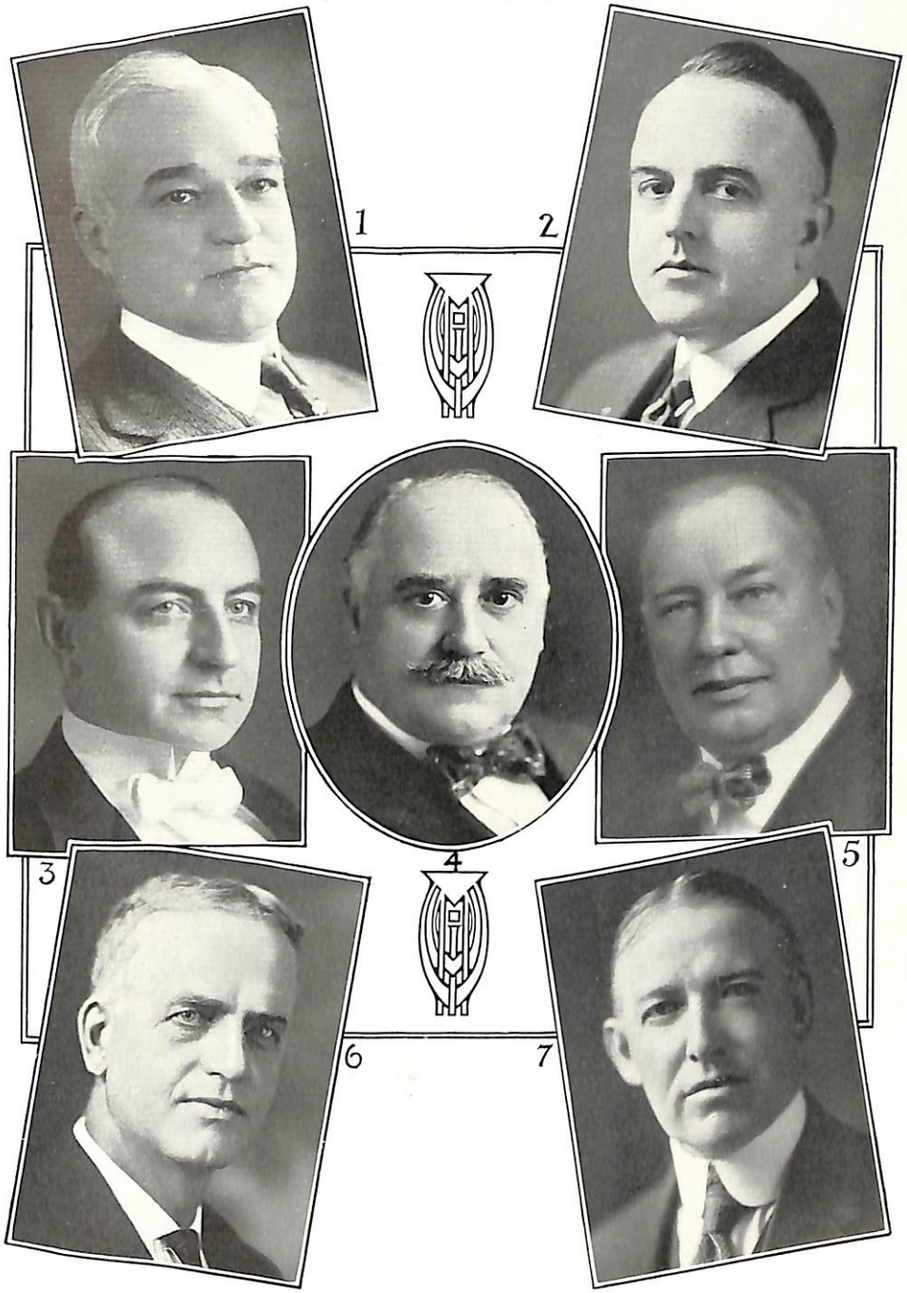
Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children

W. Freeland Kendrick
Vice-Chairman
Forrest Adair, *Secretary*
Arthur W. Chapman

Sam P. Cochran, *Chairman*

Oscar M. Landstrum
John D. McGilvray
James H. Watt

Building Committee — New England Unit



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Charles A. Frazer
Secy. & Treas.
Henry L. Bowles

George M. Hendee, *Chairman*

Harry H. Caswell
Vice-Chairman
Fred R. Brown
Alvin H. Phillips

Announcement

On account of the big crowd of Nobles to be entertained May 26, and the necessity of using the entire Club House for visiting Patrols, Bands, and Drum Corps to dress in, the committee has found it impossible to entertain the Ladies on this day—and very reluctantly make this announcement.

But as it is in a great cause, the laying of the Corner Stone, we feel assured of your approval.

THE COMMITTEE.

"Dutch Treat"

The help of the Nobles is requested in connection with "Eats," May 26, The executive Committee would impress it upon every Noble that the Temple is host to the whole of Shrinedom in New England as well as Masons from far and near. It is a privilege which we all welcome. Also, it involves unusual expense. No proper expense will be evaded. Your Potentate and his Committees are working night and day to make this the greatest occasion Springfield has ever had, the day we lay the corner stone of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. To offset this unusual honor, however, we are asking the Nobility to bear with us in being a bit parsimonious as to our own Ceremonial at the Coliseum. The plan is to have each Noble provide himself with his supper, at the restaurant in the Machinery Hall. The concession has been let to a caterer and the prices will be very reasonable. You can readily see it is beyond our power otherwise to provide for the crowds. So, Nobles, consider this as a small help on your part against the honor of the locating of the Hospital in our city.

Your approval will be greatly appreciated by us.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

EATS — will be served at Coliseum from 5 to 7 P. M.

Nobles—The Recorder Sez

Show Your Card

The Imperial Council law says: A Noble may not visit his own or any other temple of the Order unless he exhibits the current Shrine card. Result —no card, no admittance. The Outer Guard can not pass you.

Important

Nobles should bear in mind that they must retain their standing in a Commandery or Consistory to hold their membership in the Temple. Suspension in either of these bodies means that the Shrine must automatically drop the member thus suspended, even though he may be in possession of the card for the current year.

Attention, Nobles

Your 1924 cards are ready, and upon receipt of $7.00 will be mailed to you, Send Your Check now and avoid the rush. Sign your card at once after you get it, then if lost it is not so easily used by an impostor. When you see a Noble with an unsigned card, tell him about it.

Visitors

Visitors are always welcome at Melha Temple. What's ours is theirs. Our members always try to get acquainted and show everybody a good time.

"We Must Have Petitions"

Have YOU secured yours? If not, why?

DUES—To those who have NOT paid, you are reminded that the Temple has had to pay your Hospital Assessment. The Imperial Council insists on payment in advance.

Have You Moved?

Your Temple does not care if you move, when you move, or how you move, but it certainly does care WHERE you move. Your address, is never changed without instructions from you; mail will not reach you unless this office has your correct address, so please notify your Recorder every time you move.

Remember!

Before you leave home for this Ceremonial be certain you have your 1924 Shrine Card and Fez in your pocket, then look again to SEE that they are there—you will need them both.

"A Straight Child"

Many of us read a lot of "Orthopedic surgery" in reference to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children without knowing precisely what it means. The big fat dictionary defines "orthopedy," as the art or practice of curing the deformities of childhood; but Nobles learned in the ancient Greek find the word derived from "a straight child." And that is what your hospitals are doing—receiving warped little bodies, twisted little feet, bent spines, and sending them home again, "straight children." And, Nobles, you'll only have to see one of those little chaps, running and jumping for the first time in his life, to realize what a big work you are doing.

The orthopedic surgeon, as one of those in a Shrine Hospital explained to a visiting building contractor, is concerned principally with the frame work of these little human structures—the bones which support them, as the steel supports an office building. The general surgeon looks after the outer shell and the interior decorations.

But we go further in our hospitals, while the little patients (it should be spelled "patience," as you'd say if you knew some of these smiling children) are in our care. For the surgeons treat tonsils and adenoids, the dentist straightens and fills defective teeth, the doctors build the children back to better general health, and with carefully selected diet, fresh air and loving care, the crippled children are sent away, not only "straight," but healthier and stronger and happier—with every chance to fight their own way through the world.

ON MARCH 1, 1924—MELHA TEMPLE had the great privilege of sending a check for $5,532.00 to cover the Crippled Children's Hospital Assessment of each Noble, whether he had paid the Assessment or not. We were glad to do this, but, remember, every Noble who has failed to pay his dues and C. C. H. Assessment is forcing the Temple to pay this Charity Obligation for him.

Rules that govern this hospital are simple but positive.

The requirements are:

Possibility of Improvement
Normal Mentality
Inability to Pay for Service Rendered

The objects of the institution are equally definite:

To Help Helpless Humanity
To Prevent Pauperism
To Turn Wealth Consumers into Wealth Producers

Every inmate of the hospital is on an equal footing, and there is no recognition of creed or color, fraternal affiliation, society standing or financial conditions.

Come and get first-handed information about this wonderful work. See actual pictures taken from life.

Melha Temple Patrol Association

Henry N. Bowman	*President*
Harold S. Cooke	*Vice-President*
George Gray	*Secretary*
Ray A. Talbot	*Treasurer*

Finance Committee

Henry N. Bowman — Albert C. Hayes — Albert E. Stewart

Melha Temple Military Patrol

John A. Webster	*Captain*
Harry L. Ross	*First Lieutenant*
Harry C. Lane	*Second Lieutenant*
Edward S. Pomeroy	*First Sergeant*
Herbert W. McKenzie	*Second Sergeant*

Directors Association

Wilbur H. Stedman	*President*
Lawrence D. Burlingame	*Vice-President*
Leonard A. Salter	*Secretary*
James H. Bigelow	*Treasurer*

Drum Corps Association

William W. Morency	*President*
Harry A. Wheeler	*Vice-President*
Fred S. Brewer	*Secretary*
George Docherty	*Treasurer*
Walter H. Damon, P. P.	*Drum Major*
Fred C. Blair	*Chief Musician*

Loyal Legion

Harry Johnson	*Commander*
Earle Lancaster	*Vice-Commander*
Mark C. Newton	*Adjutant*

Legion Drill Team

Earle Lancaster	*Captain*
Ralph Entwistle	*Lieutenant*
Ralph Casey	*Corporals*
Raymond Combs	*Corporals*
Harrison Hart	*Corporals*
Carl Avenius	*Corporals*
Archibald H. Matthews	*Color Sergeant*

Melha Temple Orchestra

Albert E. Lerche, P. P.	*President*
Fred A. Eldred, P. P.	*Vice-President*
Arthur L. Lanckton	*Director*

Melha Temple Chanters

J. Frank Tucker	Ernest A. Swift	Robert A. Hitt
J. Dale Outhuse	Raymond A. Hodge	H. I. Smith
W. H. Lippman	George B. Dowd	

Berkshire Shrine Club

Arthur F. Jones	*President*
Harold J. Martin	*Secretary*

Franklin Shrine Club

John Sauter	*President*
Ivan C. Minott	*Secretary*

Desert Officers Appointed

Leonard A. Salter, Arthur M. Simmons	*Chief Electricians*
Alfred Glynn	*Master of Ceremonial Wardrobe*
Charles A. Stearns	*Chief Arabian Scribe*
George Gray	*Knight of the Back Stairs*
Lucius B. Sammis	*Master of the Royal Three*
Drs. Weston, Kinloch, Schneider, Bacon, Janes, Graham	*Medical Directors and Surgeons*
Joseph Taylor	*Holder of the keen edged Scimiter*
William R. Thacker	*Chief of Camel Tamers*
Harry S. Cooke	*Royal Sand Heater*
Thomas W. Burden	*Astronomical Observer*
John G. Maxfield	*Chief Vizier*
James H. Bigelow	*Sublime Keeper of the Sacred Jewels*
Lewis G. Barhydt	*Holder of the Sacred Bottle*
Sherrie D. Nevin	*The Moslem Artist*
Albert E. Stewart	*Master of the Royal Harem*
Caleb W. Bowles	*Holder of the Royal Thermometer*
Archibald H. Matthews	*Keeper of the Royal Chamber*
Edward S. Bogart	*Pyramid Inspector*
Marshal A. Belmer	*Ruler of the West Desert*
Oscar H. Buchholz	*Chief Mosque Decorator*
Fred A. Eldred, P. P.	*Chief Wizard*
Harry W. Hammersley	*Hot Sands Radio Operator*
Albert C. Hayes	*Taster of the Royal Food*
Thomas H. Boeshaar	*Keeper of the Jeweled Fezzes*
Caring E. Basmajian	*Master of Oriental Rugs*
Charles D. Monroe	*Scepter Bearer*
J. Frank Murray	*Executioner*
Thomas J. Skilling	*His Satanic Majesty*
John T. Hawkins	*Poles Inkslinger*

What the Mystic Shrine Means

The Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of Mystic Shrine has for its mission the union of two higher orders of Free and Accepted Masonry. Here men and Masons meet from both rites on a common level or playground; but it is not a playground merely. It teaches that Masonry is a system, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

Its teachings carry a dignified mien that lifts the Mason above the sordid, transitory things of life. It transports the mental and spiritual Mason away from the turmoil and strife of earthly things and attunes his spiritual being in harmony with the universe and the music of the spheres.

It gives him a glimpse of the great white light of life and Masonry here and hereafter. A Shrine pin and fez does not necessarily make or mean a Shriner; it merely indicates that he is or should be. It teaches some of the grandest lessons given for the guidance of man along life's journey that he who has listening ears and seeing eyes may learn the great truths taught by speculative Masonry.

It does not teach, and, in fact, frowns upon any and all things that should not characterize a gentleman, a man or a Mason. No rough or uncouth act has a place on its program and any overt act not in keeping with the teachings and spirit of Masonry does violence to its obligation and reflects discredit upon the spirit of the order, but more directly upon the doer therof.

Every Mason who assumes the obligation of the Mystic Shrine is taught to revere and protect the peace, purity and hallowedness of society, government, home and fireside, strengthening the bulwarks thereof, rather than weakening their defense and subjecting them to adverse critcism by his acts.

—[*Extract Medinah Temple.*

Have You a Fez?

An edict of the Imperial Potentate requires that every Noble must wear a Fez. In the Blue Lodge you must wear an apron to be properly clothed, and the Imperial Potentate says you must for the same reason wear a Fez. This is an Imperial Order and must be obeyed. If you have not a Fez, get one at once.

If you appear at our Ceremonial without a Fez, a temporary one will be provided at a few cents—as every Noble must wear one in the presence of the Imperial Potentate.

District Representatives

Walker, Lewell S.	Amherst
Belden, Clarence E.	Bradstreet
Leikum, George H.	Chester
Ordway, Wm. H	Chicopee
Hamilton, W. H.	Chicopee Falls
Hamblin, Charles E.	Huntington
Pomeroy, Theodore M.	Dalton
Huntington, F. H.	Easthampton
Goodwin, Harley S.	Florence
Harper, John T.	Grea Barrington
Sheldon, George A.	Greenfield
Bogart, Edward E.	Holyoke
Norman, E. J.	Lee
Root, Willis L.	Lenox
Richards, Reese J.	Northampton
Van Sleet, Wm. E.	North Adams
Howe, F. A.	Orange
Holden, George S.	Palmer
Jones, Arthur F.	Pittsfield
Ware, Henry W.	Shelburne Falls
Reid, Jas. A	Southbridge
Haskins, John W.	South Deerfield
Wilkinson, Douglas A.	South Hadley Falls
Parsons, H. B.	Stockbridge
Gunn, Jas. A., Jr.	Turners Falls
Wooley, David	Ware
Cowing, Raymond H.	Westfield
Hamilton, Wm. S.	Williamstown